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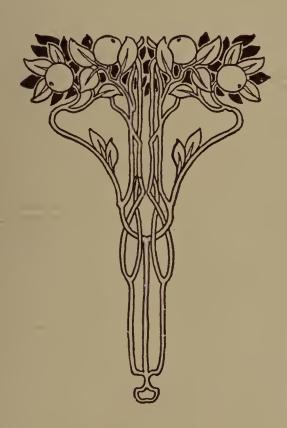
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OF THE

## **BOSTON INDUSTRIAL HOME**

(Incorporated)

CORNER DAVIS STREET AND HARRISON AVENUE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908

ESTABLISHED 1877

## The Boston Industrial Home (Inc.)

(1909)

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> OLIVER C. ELLIOT, Superintendent. HERBERT D. BOYD, M.D., Visiting Physician. Mrs. O. C. ELLIOT, Matron.

Superintendent Elliot will visit churches, Sunday schools and societies to present the work on request.

## In Memoriam.

#### LYMAN B. BROOKS

Lyman B. Brooks, a director of the Boston Industrial Home, died after a lingering illness of months at the home of his son, L. Loring Brooks, 55 Chestnut Street, Boston, January 15, 1909, in his seventy-ninth year. He was born in Salem in 1830, son of John and Harriet Manning Brooks. His ancestor, Henry Brooks, came from England in the

middle of the seventeenth century, and settled in Medford. His father was a shipping merchant of Salem. He was of distinguished colonial ancestry, being on his father's side a direct descendant of Rev. John Cotton, Governor Dudley and Governor Bradstreet, and his mother was a cousin of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Mr. Brooks entered business life with



LYMAN B. BROOKS.

D. B. Brooks & Brother, successors of John P. Jewett, the publishing house which issued *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. He was a member of the Essex Institute of Salem, of the Boston Stationers' Association, Appalachian Mountain Club and the First Baptist Church of Boston. He had been a resident of Chelsea, Brookline, Newton and Boston, had a wide circle of acquaintances and many warm personal friends.

His wife, who survives him, was a daughter of the late Joshua Loring, for many years cashier and president of the Blackstone Bank of Boston. Besides a widow he left three sons, L. Loring Brooks of Boston, Rev. Frederick M. Brooks of Watertown, and Joshua Loring Brooks of Springfield.

Mr. Brooks was identified with the Davis Street Home, and when it was united with the Appleton Temporary Home and incorporated by the name of Boston Industrial Home in 1892, he was one of the incorporators. He became a director in 1897, and brought to the Home his aid in time, substance and sympathy. He was a faithful friend to the institution and its work, a genial friend to his associates on this Board, and a Christian gentleman.

By his death the Home has lost a loyal supporter, this board a beloved friend, his family a loved husband and father, and the public a valuable citizen.

We place upon the records of the Home this tribute to his memory and worth, and send a copy to his bereaved family.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."



## President's Address

We are met on this thirty-first annual meeting of the Home, to consider its past, its present and its future, and to elect officers for the conduct of its business for the ensuing year. In reviewing the past we are reminded of its early struggles for recognition by the public and the unselfish devotion of its founders to the work. Most of the founders have finished their labors and have passed on to their reward, and have left for us the legacy of carrying on the work of their establishing.

We entered into the work, have given to it our aid and assistance, our prayers and good wishes, and with thanks and praise to Him, in whose work we enlisted, the Home has been carried on with good results to the present time. We could have done more with more financial aid, but have done the best we could under the conditions, and feel that our efforts have been blessed in aiding the poor and the unfortunate, who have been ministered to and aided, in their endeavors to reform and lead a better life.

The usefulness of the Home is beyond question; it has been of incalculable benefit to the homeless who have been sheltered, clothed, fed and made comfortable within its doors. All who have entered have been benefited in body, mind, and in many instances morally and spiritually; have been reclaimed from evil to walk uprightly before God and man.

In the year just closed the Home has been taxed beyond its capacity in caring for inmates out of employ on account of depression in business, and for the same reason the profit on sales of coal and wood have been reduced upon which dependence was placed for paying current expenses. And yet no worthy person has been turned from its doors, as long as room could be found within. For an account of that part of the work you are referred to the Superintendent's report, and for the finances to that of the Treasurer.

The future of the Home is full of promise, for He whose work it is, we being humble instruments for its conduct, will not suffer it to languish and decay. He will influence the public to aid when assistance shall be needed, for it is for the public good. The work takes from the lower strata of society those who are a menace to the public weal, and converts some of them into self-respecting and self-sustaining citizens. Surely, He, who came to seek the lost and to call sinners to repentance, will not allow this work to be hindered for lack of Christian sympathy and financial aid to carry it forward.

The intellectual, moral and spiritual work of the Home has gone forward in the year past, and at meetings for those purposes the attendance has been good, the inmates interested, and some have given evidence of a better life. This work, which is more than meat and drink, or clothing and shelter, touching the mental, moral and spiritual well-being of the inmates, has gone on in such sowing, trusting to its being watered and brought to life by the Divine Spirit, in the regeneration of human souls.

Blessed as has been the work of the Home in the past, hopeful as is its present, and promising as appears its future, there is earnest and faithful work yet to be done by the officers and their servants, for the night cometh when

that work shall cease. We have recently been called to mourn the loss of Lyman B. Brooks, for many years a worker and a director of this institution, whose funeral was held in this city, January 18, 1909. We, who knew him intimately, appreciated his manly Christian character, his kindly friendship, and his worth as a man and brother.

Let us bend our efforts and energy in carrying forward this work, trusting that the time will come when through the blessing of the Master, aided by a generous public, we shall have better and more suitable quarters for the Home. Let us not lose sight of the fact that this work is the Lord's, for the public good, for seeking and saving the lost, for uplifting fallen humanity, and for the upbuilding of His kingdom upon the earth. For the poor are with us always.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the measure of success which has come to the Home, beseech Him to continue to bless it, and implore Him, if in accord with his Divine Wisdom, to incline the hearts of the generous minded to give to its maintenance and for its extension.

RUFUS G. F. CANDAGE,

President.



RECREATION ON ROOF GARDEN.

## Superintendent's Report

The Boston Industrial Home has just completed its thirty-first year in the work of ministering to the immediate necessities of unfortunate people, and I venture to say that in point of opportunity for service in its special line, it has been the greatest year in its history. Home was incorporated to aid fallen humanity, to provide temporary shelter for the homeless, to arouse in them a new interest in life, to keep them employed while under its roof, and to instill in them principles of self-reliance, self-esteem and moral worth. Hence there has been set up for us a high standard of public service which, if faithfully adhered to, must from every view-point be beneficial, not alone to the individual in whose interest we labor but also to the community. The statistics we shall presently submit will show that the number of persons lodged and fed during the past year exceeds by several thousands the record of any previous year in the history of the Home. I am deeply sensible of the great responsibility which has been vested in us the past year, in the increased opportunity for service, and I realize that it is far beyond me to say how far-reaching our practical system of helpfulness has been, how many lives have been sweetened, downward tendencies checked, characters refashioned and wholesome ambitions revived through our ministrations; but the essential agencies for the benefit of our people have been constantly at work, and it has been our privilege from time

to time to witness the fruit of our labor as the influence for good is manifested in the lives of those to whom we minister.

#### LODGINGS

The number of lodgings furnished to men were	31,807
(Of this number 13,730 were earned by labor furnished in the Home; 2,192 were furnished on orders, and 15,885 were paid for in cash.)	
The number of lodgings furnished to women were	10,480
(Of which number 2,372 were earned, 512 came on orders, and 7,596 were paid for in cash.)	
The total number of lodgings for men and women was	42,287
MEALS	
The number of meals furnished for men was (35,196 were earned; 511 paid in cash; 2,988 orders.)	38,695
The number of meals furnished for women was	10.735
(6,207 earned; 1,116 orders; 3,412 cash.)  The total number of meals for men and women was .	49,430
DAYS' WORK	
The number of days' work supplied to men was	13,730 2,372
Total days' work to men and women	16,102
BATHS	
Total baths for men was	5,443 95 <sup>2</sup>
Total baths to men and women	6,395
was	1.442

#### A PAGE FROM THE REGISTER.

In order to give an idea as to the general make-up of the men who come to us I submit the facts from one page of the Men's Register.

Number lodged, 89.

Nationalities: Americans 34, Scotch 9, British Provinces 8, English 8, Irish 17, Germans 4, French 1, Italians 2, Cuban 1, Hebrews 3, Roman 1, Negro 1.

Religions: Catholics 50, Protestants 36, Hebrews 3.

Trades and Occupations: Bartender, Clergyman, Switchman, Chauffeur, Silk-weaver, Upholsterer, Elastic Stocking Maker, Shirtmaker, Weaver, Actor, Ball Player, Cigar Maker, Wire Worker, Electrician, Bookbinder, Cook, Stenographer, Printer, Lithographer, Mason, Plasterer, Mechanic's Helper, Laborer, Window Cleaner, Elevator Man, Longshoreman, Fireman, Gardener, Laundryman, Piano Polisher, Carriage Painter, Moulder, Brass Worker, Steam Fitter, Carpenter, Plumber, Paper Hanger, Barber, Waiter.

Average age 39 years. Married 49, single 40.

#### WOMEN

· Number lodged, 27.

Nationalties: Americans 11, English 6, Germans 2, Irish 8.

Religions: Catholics 14, Protestants 13.

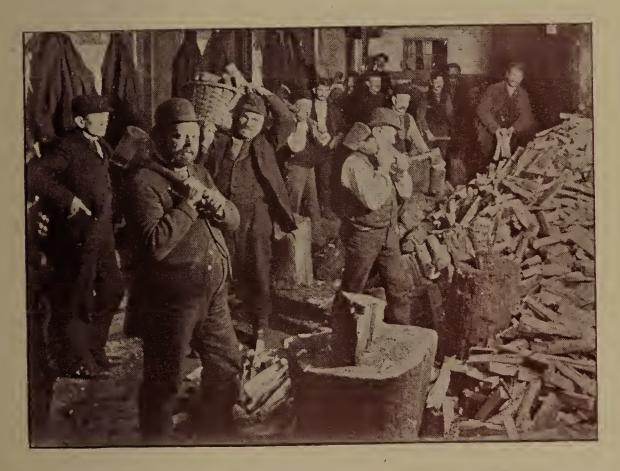
Occupations: Nurse, Cook, Chambermaid, Waitress, Seamstress, Milliner, Companion, Agent, Dishwasher, Laundress.

Average age 29 years. Married 19, Single 8.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

The labor incident to our coal and wood department is performed by men who, rather than beg, are willing to earn their meals and lodgings until they can secure more lucrative employment and get on their feet again. All our inmates are paid some money each week to enable them to maintain a neat and respectable appearance. The fact that they show a willingness to work is a sufficient indication

that they are worthy of our help. Most people are, or should be interested in their less fortunate fellow-men, and there is no better or more practical way to help them than by patronizing this department of our work. We furnish the very best coal and wood the market offers at the lowest rates, hence our patrons not only get what they pay for, but have the satisfaction of knowing that their orders,



WOOD YARD.

whether large or small, enable them to have a part with us in helping unfortunate men to become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens.

#### RELIGIOUS WORK

Our gospel services are held in the chapel on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday of each week. Our work being strictly unsectarian in its religious aspect, nothing but the essential truths of the Gospel is presented at these meetings. We preach Christ and Him crucified as the only permanent remedy for sin, and it is a very rare occasion indeed when there are not one or more persons who manifest the desire for spiritual cleansing at these meetings. Our Sunday evening services have been made especially



effective and attractive by the splendid gospel singing by Mrs. Guy Fern Jones, who has been with us now as a gospel soloist for two years. We are frequently seeing the effect of her work among our people either in special requests for selected solos or in letters received from those who have gone from the Home who found her singing a strong in-

fluence for good in their experiences here. In connection with our religious work the past year I desire to express my profound appreciation of the helpful service rendered by the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, Union Church and the Boylston Church, Jamaica Plain, each of which take regular meetings each



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month. I also desire to thank Miss Lillian P. Moning who has officiated at the piano for us on Thursday evenings.

#### THE DISPENSARY

For a statement in reference to our dispensary you are referred to the report of Dr. Boyd, our visiting physician. We are constantly in need of the physician's services, and I cannot say enough in expressions of gratitude for the

splendid service rendered by the Doctor. We had considerable sickness the past year, and every case was taken care of in the most faithful manner. It has not been a rare thing for patients from our Home to be admitted to the Homeopathic Hospital, and into high-priced private rooms because the free beds were not available, for all of which we are indebted to Doctor Boyd.

#### THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

It has always been our custom to make much of these special events. At Thanksgiving most people are either at home, or with longings in that direction, and our people do not differ from others in that particular; and we want to take advantage of every opportunity to touch the conscience and reach the heart. For this reason we make much of our Thanksgiving dinner, which I venture to say cannot be surpassed in any private home in the city, to say nothing of institutions. We have all the delicacies of the season, and in abundance. Through the uniform kindness of the hotel proprietors and merchant friends we had sufficient turkey left over, after feeding more than three hundred persons, to give our regular inmates a turkey dinner on the following Sunday. We were pleased to have with us on that day our worthy Vice President, Mr. Fowle, who dined with us, and remained to say a cheering word at the entertainment in the evening. The entertainment on Thanksgiving evening was a most enjoyable one, and consisted of motion pictures of a high order, furnished by Mr. L. A. Whitaker, readings by the Misses W. Carter and M. Slifer, of Emerson's College, and soprano solos by Mrs. Guy F. Jones. Rev. Allen A. Stockdale was also present to add cheer to the occasion with timely and appropriate words.

The Christmas exercises consisted of an entertainment and tree and gifts for all the inmates in the shape of useful articles of wearing apparel, and gold money pieces for the officers and those whose faithfulness and long service merited special notice. The total amount contributed for these special features was \$213, and the total expense was



DINING ROOM.

\$185.51. The artists who kindly helped us with the Christmas entertainment were the Misses Allen and Dearing, who rendered excellent readings; Miss Lillian P. Moning, pianist; Mr. Albee, clarinet; and Mrs. Jones, soprano. Mr. Fowle also graced this occasion with his presence and cheering words.

#### ROOF GARDEN

A decided feature of our work the past year was the new Roof Garden, which was formally opened with appropriate exercises on July 23d. The Board appropriated the sum of \$500 for this new project from the Fresh Air Fund, the total cost of the same falling a trifle short of that sum.

The Garden covers the entire roof surface of the two Davis Street houses, divided on the party wall by a fence, thus making separate sections for men and women. It was covered with canvas and illuminated by electricity. Through the kindness of the City Greenhouses, for which we are indebted to Alderman Cotton, the garden was adorned with a profusion of blossoming plants while an abundance of shrubbery and potted plants was generously sent us from the Arnold Arboretum and the R. & J. Farquhar Co.'s Greenhouses through the kind solicitation of Mr. Fowle. The men were permitted to smoke in their section; newspapers and periodicals were also at their disposal. During the months of June, July, August and September we held our gospel services on the roof with an average attendance of sixty-five. We had the organ to help the singing, and the influence of these meetings was felt all around us, the neighbors listening from their open windows or from their own roofs.

Taken altogether this new feature was a most decided success in every way.

#### KIDDER FUND

During the year the Treasurer paid out \$120.15 from the Kidder Fund for the purpose of sending worthy cases to their homes in distant parts of the country. Each of these cases was thoroughly investigated to determine the



GOSPEL SERVICE ON ROOF GARDEN.

wisdom of the expense incurred. There is no doubt in my mind that every cent of this money was wisely spent, but not one of those who were the recipients of this help ever sent us an expression of their appreciation or gratitude.

#### THE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

In September last our worthy Matron, Mrs. A. E. Wright, who had been in poor health for sometime, left us for a rest, but during her absence she was taken seriously ill and passed away. Suitable resolutions were drawn up and spread upon the records at the time of this sad circumstance in recognition of this good woman's faithful service and the loss the Home sustained in her passing. It was a great shock to us all for Mrs. Wright had endeared herself to everybody. Since her death, Mrs. Elliot has assumed the duties of the Matron and the work in this department has been satisfactory throughout the entire year.

#### IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion gentlemen, I am conscious that the report, lengthy as it is, is but a meager insight into the work of this worthy institution during the year 1908. We have enumerated the number ministered to, and the methods applied for the betterment of those who came to us; but who can define the results of such a work?

I desire to express my profound gratitude to the Board of Directors for their uniform kindness to me and those associated with me in the work, and pledge myself to even greater effort in behalf of unfortunate humanity during the coming year, looking unto Him the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

OLIVER C. ELLIOT,

Superintendent.

## The Dispensary

The work of the Physician of the Home during the year 1908 has been in many respects a repetition of that of other years. We have had more sickness among the inmates and transients than in past years; cases of pneumonia, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, cancer, appendicitis, gallstones

and kidney diseases were found and taken care of. The tubercular cases were sent to the Long Island Hospital. The other cases were sent to the Homeopathic Massachusetts Hospital, where they had good care and attention, through the kindness of the Superintendent, Dr. William O. Mann. We have had a large number of minor surgical conditions, cuts, broken bones, sprains and bruises, which have been cared for at the Home. It is not our aim to take the place of the dispensary to which these people have access, but many



HERBERT D. BOYD, M.D.

cases are on the order of emergency work, happening after dispensary hours, and have to be taken care of until they can go to the dispensary for further dressings.

We have also to deal with the run-down, half-starved physical wrecks which are constantly coming to us. What shall we do with them? Give them a night's lodging, a few meals and pass them along? Shall we shut our eyes and still our consciences and say we have done our whole duty when we have done that much? It seems to me we must do more. We must pick out the more promising, get them fit and start them on the upward road. now the nucleus of the means toward that end. We have a fresh air fund. We have, as our Superintendent has told you, made a roof garden, where the men and women can spend the hot evenings of the summer, away from the heat and temptations of the street. This is a start in the right direction, but is not a great help to the man or woman whom we wish to build up permanently. We need a place in the country to which we can send them and give them employment until they are well and strong; then we can let them go into the busy world again. We ought to consider this need very carefully and make some definite plan for reaching these cases.

HERBERT D. BOYD, M.D.,

Visiting Physician.

## Visiting Committee

(1909)

May

ROBERT W. HASTINGS.

REV. RUFUS B. TOBEY.

June

REV. ARTHUR H. GORDON.

REV. GEORGE L. PERIN.

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CHARLES D. BAGNALL.

GEORGE W. COLEMAN.

August

GEORGE W. FOWLE.

WILLIAM OWEN.

September

FREEMAN O. EMERSON.

ARTHUR W. SAWYER.

October

CHARLES II. STEARNS.

REV. ALLEN A. STOCKDALE.

Nabember

REV. HERBERT A. BARKER.

O. M. Wentworth.

December

JAMES M. DOUGLASS.

ISAAC C. STONE.

(1910)

January

RUFUS G. F. CANDAGE.

REV. JOHN A. McELWAIN.

February

JOHN H. COLBY.

CHARLES R. DARLING.

March

REV. O. P. GIFFORD.

ABRAM P. Downs.

April

REV. S. STANLEY SEARING.

L. H. Rhodes.

Dr.

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•		4,859 93	""	House Repairs and Improvements	s 763 97
•		4,500 00	99 99	House Supplies and Refurnishing	g 803 12
Interest on Investments		99 84	"	Stable (maintainance)	1,486 00
" Deposits .	•	35 92	99 99	Stable (new equipment)	413 45
•	· •	296 14	99 99	Gas and Electric Light	354 03
			99 99	Telephone Service	140 75
			99 99	Water Tax and Insurance.	536 55
			99 99	Medical Expense	54 36
			99 99	Salaries Supt. and Officers .	1,550 00
			"	Labor Employees and Transients	s 4,756 71
			99 99	Printing and Stationery	247 16
			33 33	Carfares and Postage	149 50
			Balance	Balance Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1909	422 18
	\$46	\$46,217 87			\$46,217 87

We have examined the accounts of the Boston Industrial Home and find the same correctly cast and the CHAS. D. BAGNALL, Treasurer. proper vouchers on file.

We have also examined the securities and found the same as reported by the Treasurer.

Charles H. Stearns, Freeman O. Emerson, Auditing Committee. James M. Douglass,

## Ponors of Merchandise, Provisions, etc.

(1908)

Alger, F. J. Brown, Harry Carter, Rice Co. Chase & Sanborn Comer, D. M. Crawford House French, Mitchell & Woodbury Hall, Martin L. Co. Haynes, L. C. Hotel Bellevue Hotel Brunswick Hotel Lenox Hotel Vendome Hotel Woodcock Johnson, H. A.

Kenneson, E. S. Knight, S. B. McAuliffe, J. Nash & Hopkins Needlewoman's Guild of America Oakdale Manfg. Co. Oriental Tea Co. Parker House Rhodes Brothers Schmitt, Charles A. Stickney & Poor Swain, Earle Co. Thurston, A. B. Yeager, F. Waite, C. A.

## Donors of Cash

(1908)

Bagnall, Charles D.

Barber, V.

Batchelder, Dr. F. P.

Beal, Mrs. H. L.

Best, J. P.

Boylston Cong'l Church

Brooks, Lyman B.

Broadway Cong'l Church (Som-Duncan, Mrs. S. M. F.

erville)

Brown, Samuel N. Campbell, W. P.

Coleman, George W.

Coolidge, John T.

Crosby, Sumner & Son

Darling, C. R. Duffill, John H.

Eager, Mrs. George H.

## Donors of Cash—Continued.

Emerson, D. R. & Co.
Emerson, Freeman O.
Fay, Miss S. M.
First United Presbyterian Church
Fourth Presbyterian Church
Fowle, George W.
Gay, Mrs. Albert
Hall, C. P.
Heath, William S.
Johnson, Rev. Herbert S.
Johnson, Wolcott H.
Kidner, Rev. R.
Klous, Maurice H.
Loring, S. D.

Lynch & Woodward

Moran, Mrs. Albert
Murphy, C. J.
Perry, A.
Peters, F. H.
Rubin, Jacob
Sanders, H. M.
Sears, Mrs. F. R. Jr.
Stearns, Charles H.
Stockdale, Rev. A. A.
Tobey, Dr. W. H.
Turner, Miss Helen
Wentworth, O. M.
Wood, Frank
Woods, Mrs. H.

## Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to the Boston Industrial Home the sum of dollars, for the purposes for which the institution was established; which is, to furnish a temporary home, with its comforts, to those destitute of friends, money, and out of employment; also, the reformation of the intemperate, etc.

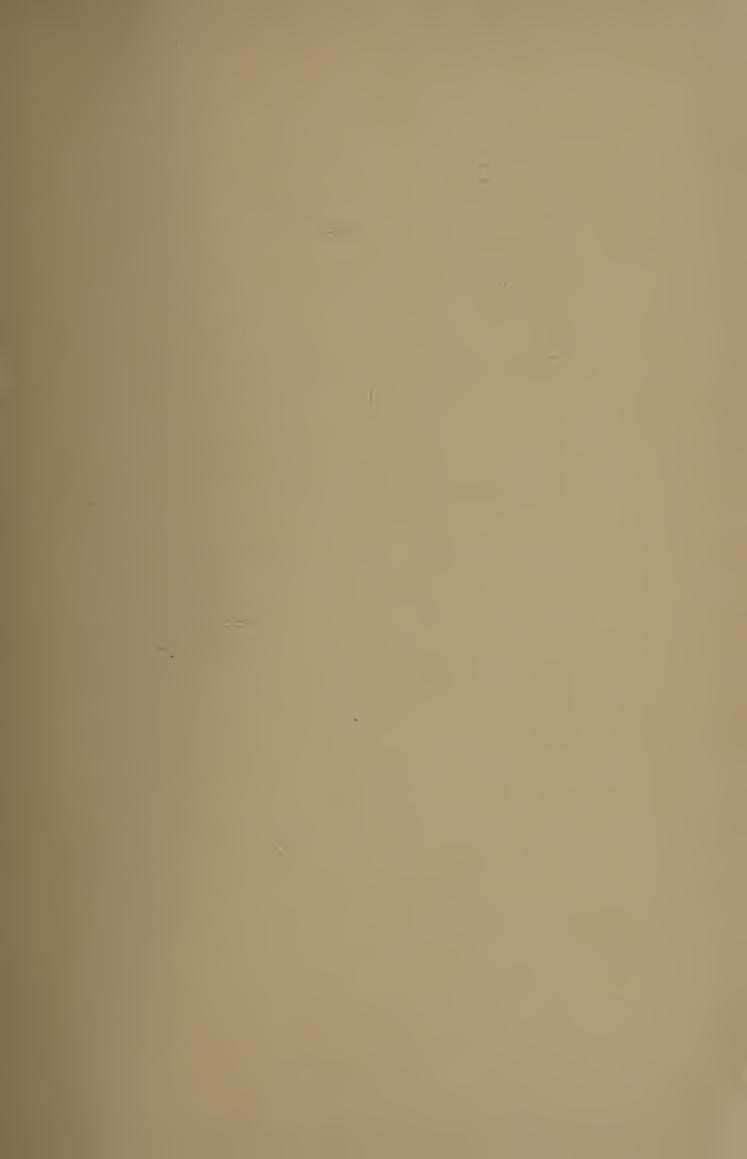


## NOTICE

Cast-off Clothing for men and women is always very necessary in our work. We will gladly send for packages upon notification.

Garments sent to us will be given away to deserving persons, and Not Sold.





## BY PATRONIZING OUR

## Coal and Wood Department



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will have a substantial part with us in this worthy Charity

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